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Scruggs Vandervoort & Barney

St. Louis, Missouri.

Our Annual June Sale of Undermuslins

Begins To-Day

At prices which pave the way to a popular outburst of appreciative buying.

We have prepared for a sale of great magnitude; have had made up beautiful, serviceable, dainty garments of such unusual excellence that you may select with the same confidence in each article as if it had been made to your particular order. Each piece bears the hallmark of S. V. & B. merchandising—Goodness.

We give a few prices as a foretaste of the values to be expected:

Corset Covers.	Drawers.	Chemises.	Gowns.	Petticoats.
Shaped, sewn and trimmed with a view of satisfying the exacting buyer. There are— Cambric Covers, tight fitting, low neck or high neck, nicely tucked, finished with embroidery, 10c. V-Neck, tight fitting, trimmed with embroidery, 19c. Very pretty short or long gathered Cambric Covers, one-piece back, low neck, and arms neatly trimmed with Tulle lace, at 25c. Dainty Cambric, long shape, deep Tulle lace, gathered with baby ribbon, 39c. Short Nainsook, laces and ribbons, bending at neck and belt, 48c. Short Bias Nainsook Covers, Valenciennes or Tulle lace and ribbon bending, 68c. Long Gathered Cambric Covers, entire front of vertical lace insertion, 68c. Up to \$10	Simple in cut, particularly well shaped about the waist and hips Good Muslin, with cluster of tucks, at 20c. Good Muslin, with deep umbrella, hemstitched flounce of cambric, 25c. Muslin with tucks and flounce of embroidery, 25c. Very Special—A choice of three styles, Cambric, with tucked lawn flounce, with umbrella flounce, trimmed in insertion and edge, or muslin with embroidery ruffle and tucks, 48c. Cambric, with deep umbrella flounce, embroidery, 73c. Cambric, with deep flounce, trimmed in Valenciennes lace, 73c. Cambric, with umbrella flounce, trimmed with hemstitched tucks and fine embroidery, 98c. Up to \$12.50	No one would think of fussing over this other—some garment at home after seeing these Cambric or Muslin, with nicely corded hands, 48c. Nainsook, with handsome Point de Paris lace insertion and edge, gathered with baby ribbon, 98c. Nainsook, with insertion and edge of fine embroidery and ribbon beading, 98c. Nainsook, daintily trimmed with embroidery and ribbon beading, 85c. Nainsook, trimmed with Point de Paris lace insertion and edge, skirt finished with lace, \$1.48. Nainsook Combination Cover and Short Skirt, yoke of Valenciennes lace, lace-trimmed skirt, gathered at waistline with ribbon beading, \$1.98. Up to \$16.50	Home sewing is an extravagance when such well-sewn, generously made Gowns may be had at these prices Good Muslin, tucked yoke, V neck, neatly finished with cambric ruffle, 50c. High neck, yoke of tucks and insertion, finished with cambric ruffle on neck and sleeves, 50c. Cambric, V neck or square yoke of tucks or hemstitched, trimmed with hemstitched ruffles or embroidery, two styles, at 73c. Cambric Chemise Gowns, short sleeves, prettily trimmed with hemstitched ruffles, 85c. Muslin or Cambric, high neck, yoke of embroidery insertion and hemstitched tucks, 98c. Cambric, square neck, trimmed with insertion and edge of embroidery, 98c. Up to \$20	We pride ourselves on these—we ask the very hard-to-suit shopper to examine them Muslin, with cambric flounce, at 48c. Muslin, with lawn umbrella flounce, trimmed with embroidery, at 68c. Cambric, with Spanish flounce and dust ruffle decorated with hemstitched tucks, 98c. Cambric, with deep umbrella flounce, finished with Tulle lace ruffles, \$1.48. Muslin, with umbrella flounce, trimmed with embroidery, 98c. Cambric, with neatly tucked umbrella flounce, trimmed with embroidery, \$1.85. Fine Muslin, tucked umbrella flounce, with deep ruffle of open embroidery, \$1.98. Up to \$25

Garments will be shown on tables on second floor. We have made ample arrangement for easy selections.
Sale opens at 8 o'clock this morning.

A Sweeping Reduction Sale

Begins To-Day of

Silk Coats, Cloth and Etamine Gowns and Walking Suits

At just about 1/3 reduction from the retail price.

The original price ticket—showing the cost up to Saturday night—will be left on each garment, and the reduced price as it is to-day will also be clearly indicated.
Never before in its entire history has this house made such a reduction of the season's new and exclusive Gowns and Wraps.

Silk Blouses.	Moire Antique	Canvas	Etamines	Walking Suits.
Coffee Coats and Blouses. Black Taffeta Silk Blouse, handsomely tailored, stitched, bell sleeves, faced in white moire silk, guarnet buttons. Price \$22.50 Cut to \$15. Black Taffeta Silk, laid in flat, stitched tucks, white silk frogs and large art buttons. Price \$25. Cut to \$17. Stylish Danton Model Coat, long sleeves, buttoned below with gold buttons, collar of handmade Irish lace. Price \$40. Cut to \$27. Misses' Silk Coats, will fit petite women. Price \$15 to \$30. Cut to \$10 to \$20.	Long Coats. Price \$80. Cut to \$54. Imported French Model Coats. Price \$100. Cut to \$66.50. Tulle, changeable blue and gray Pongee-Gloria. Price \$22.50. Cut to \$15. Black Taffeta Silk Traveling and Driving Blouses. Price \$25. Cut to \$17. Several Rich long Coats. Price \$110. Cut to \$75. Price \$75. Cut to \$50.	And Cheviot Dresses. This season's latest styles, all fresh and beautiful; blouse and Etamine slippers; canvas, in the best shades of blue and brown; coat silk-lined. Price \$20. Cut to \$13.50. One collection in the stylish green mixtures—gray, blue and brown; position back; latest skirt and laid in flat tucks; made over taffeta silk. Price \$32.50. Cut to \$22. Stylishly tailored chevrons and Canvas Street Suits, skirts over silk; extremely chic garments. Price \$45. Cut to \$30.	And Broadcloths, one or two of each style; some in Etamine shapes; others blouses; that stitched tucks; skirts are beautiful in flat stitched plaits or stitched tulle straps. Price \$62.50. Cut to \$42. The Broadcloth costumes are very beautifully tailored, every detail being elegantly carried out. Price \$75. Cut to \$50. Extreme novelties, Gowns recently placed in stock. Price \$85. Cut to \$64.	Amongst these are the fashionable and very comfortable tourist suits, with beited Norfolk coat. Price \$25. Cut to \$17. Well-tailored checks and mixtures, also blacks, Etamine and double-breasted coats, with handsomely strapped skirts. Price \$32.50. Cut to \$22. An assortment of extremely stylish Oxford; checks, blacks; all well tailored throughout; made of this season's most highly desirable cloths. Price \$37.50. Cut to \$25.

375 Fine White Lawn Shirt-Waist Dresses

Morning Gowns, Sailor Suits, Veranda Dresses—trimmed in fine Swiss embroideries, laces, tucks and stitched strappings, regular prices \$8 to \$10.

Will be closed out to-day at \$5 each suit

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TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.
The officers searching for ex-City Register Beech have been unable to find him, and the belief is general that he is in Mexico.
William McCoy, Kinloch Telephone Company lineman, falls thirty feet at Ninth street and Cass avenue, his leg from spur slipping.
Mission work by Paulist priests at St. John's Church concluded.
Catholic Knights of America, celebrate twenty-fifth anniversary of order.
The Rochambeau party will not arrive in St. Louis until Wednesday, instead of tomorrow as originally planned for.
William McCoy, Kinloch Telephone Company lineman, plunges thirty feet to his death at Ninth street and Cass avenue. More than 20,000 persons visited Shaw's garden on the first open Sunday of the year.
Ladies' Auxiliary of Belleville Y. M. C. A. to give lawn festival.
Thief steals two dozen chickens from East St. Louis policeman.
Growth of St. Louis attracts attention of financial men of the country.
Elks' charity carnival to begin to-night.
Golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Wolf.
More than 3,000 Episcopal children attended the thirty-third annual meeting of the Sunday-school Missionary Host at the Exposition Music Hall yesterday.

GENERAL DOMESTIC.

The strike of the anthracite coal miners will be materially affected by results that will follow the calling out of the pumpkins and firemen today.
"A waiting market" is the term best applied to Wall street these days. Neither good nor bad news has any appreciable effect on prices and the entire transactions of last week might have been compressed into a single day's business without overworking the brokers. The street is in a singularly complacent mood concerning the coal strike, in particular, and all things in general.
New York police are of the opinion that the \$15,000 Ziem picture, which was stolen from the case somewhere between Paris and the New York Customhouse, must have been taken before the case containing the panel and frame was taken aboard the La Touraine. The American Express Company has offered a liberal reward for the recovery of the painting or information leading to the detection of the thief.

WASHINGTON.

The Treasury Department's Bureau of Statistics shows that Turkey has steadily been losing ground to Persia in trade with the United States in rugs.
B. V. (Duncan) White, the oldest newspaper man in New York, who is visiting in Washington, declares that the country is entering upon a crucial period politically and financially and that it behooves the trading public, in particular, to act with special care.
Official circles in Washington are making merry over the fact that at a recent banquet tendered to Surgeon General and Mrs. Stierman, all the guests were seized with a violent headache, breaking up the dinner.
Prominent politicians in the expectation of the mysterious disappearance of John P. Tate of Alabama, formerly clerk in the Census Department, has been reported to the Washington police. It is feared he has met with foul play.

FOREIGN.

Germans are imitating American-made goods so cleverly that the genuine article is in danger in that country.
California fruits are replacing those of historic reputation in Europe.
Georgia plan is being used in the renovation of the ancient palace of Chatteragne.
Ambassador Choate will go to the coronation in a plain carriage, while a royal vehicle will be provided for Whitelaw Reid.
German students are preparing to adopt President Roosevelt's suggestion that the German sword-play be shown at the Olympic games at Chicago.
A Glasgow physician has discovered a new cure for diabetes, which has proved highly successful.
Physicians who are investigating the recent phenomena on Martinique and St. Vincent, suggest that bacteria be established to give warning of future eruptions, which they say may be expected to recur till readjustment or compensation between the two volcanoes—Mont Pelee and La Soufriere—has taken place.

SPORTING.

The Cardinals lost to Cincinnati yesterday and begin their Eastern campaign as tail-enders in the National League.
George Dixon showed poorly against Danny Daugherty in their fight of last week.

HUTCHINSON-BRIGHT.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Greenup, Ill., June 1.—J. W. Hutchinson, a newspaper man of Fairbury, Ill., and Miss Lila Bright of this city were married here to-day by the Reverend W. J. Caldwell.

POLICE OF TWO CONTINENTS ARE LOOKING FOR LOST ZIEM.



The Ziem picture, the artist, and a diagram showing where the valuable painting was stored in its case on board the steamer La Touraine.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, June 1.—The police of two continents are at work trying to solve the mystery of the disappearance of the valuable painting by Felix Ziem which was shipped via the American Express Company from Paris to New York, but never reached this city.

Somewhere between No. 11 Rue Scrive, Paris, and the New York Customhouse, the beautiful painting, which some critics say is worth \$15,000, was stolen. No other explanation fits the case, for the simple reason that the box in which the picture was packed and the frame which held it reached the Customhouse all right. Only the panel was missing.

PICTURE PROBABLY WILL BE HIDDEN A LONG TIME.

There is scant chance that a painting signed by Ziem would attract immediate attention here, for it is not a masterpiece. The present possessor of it might hope to get anything like the true value of the work, if the picture were sold to a collector of the low. According to the theory of the New York police the theft was accomplished before the package was placed on board the La Touraine, and that it was the work of a highly accomplished thief—a man or woman who possesses financial and other resources and can afford to wait five years or ten if necessary, to dispose of the stolen masterpiece.

REWARD OFFERED FOR RETURN OR DISCOVERY OF THIEF.

The following notice has been sent out by the express company accompanying a circular describing the picture:

"To Picture Dealers and Others:

"On April 9, there was shipped through the American Express Company, 11 Rue Scrive, Paris, to New York, a case containing a painting panel by Ziem, which is fully described under the reproduction on this circular.

"The case was delivered on April 19 to the railroad company at St. Lazare Station, Paris, was forwarded to Havre by express and shipped on board the S. S. La Touraine, which sailed for New York April 25. Upon the case being opened at the Customhouse in New York, the painting panel was found to have been abstracted from the frame.

A liberal reward will be paid for any information which may lead to the detection of the thief, or the discovery of the picture."
"Manager in Europe."

BEAUTIFUL CANAL SCENE VIEW AT SUNSET.

In the circular the picture is described as follows:
"A canal, water blue and tranquil, between high houses, the facade of a church and other buildings, in the foreground a stone bridge forming an arch, under which a gondola is passing; in the background,"

beneath this arch, is seen another bridge. In the water is reflected the white and rose-colored walls of the buildings brightly illuminated by the last rays of the setting sun. Signed by artist in left-hand corner."

"BLIND MARKINGS."

On April 9 the picture was left at the office of the American Express Company, No. 11 Rue Scrive, Paris, that night it lay with other parcels, carefully guarded by a night watchman, who is confident that no person could have entered the room containing the picture. It was boxed in a hardwood case, with the following markings upon the lid:

WITH CARE
A. M. X. 111
TABLEAU.

No address was upon the case and nothing to indicate the name of the buyer to whom it was consigned. It was labeled with the name of the express company and call blind markings, and it was thought its appearance was sufficiently innocent to conceal the character of the contents.

PAINTING LOCKED AND SEALED IN ONE OF STEAMER'S HATCHES.

The next morning the case was placed in an express car, which was locked, but not sealed, and sent to Havre. The car inside the run from Paris to Havre in forty-eight hours and was immediately opened at the pier to find that there must have been many steps on the road.

It was landed at the docks at Havre on the morning of April 12, where it lay until the last of the cargo had been put aboard the French liner La Touraine, which was customary with express packages. It was then placed in one of the forward freight hatches, the hatch was almost immediately replaced, locked and sealed.

The seals on the freight hatch were not broken until La Touraine arrived in New York, on April 19. The picture case, with the other express matter, was carted from the pier to the appraiser's store, where it was taken in charge by an inspector.

NAME OF WALL STREET PURCHASER NOT REVEALED.

When placed on the scales it was found that there was a material difference between the weight given in the waybill and that shown on the scales.

The attention of Robert Train, representative of the American Express Company, was called to the lightness of the package. He figured out that the difference would represent just about the weight of the panel.

"That picture has been stolen," he said. "There were no marks upon the case to indicate that it had been tampered with, and when the picture was opened, the panel was found to contain only about the weight of the panel."

"The authorities of the express company refused to disclose the name of the man to whom the picture was consigned. It was learned, however, that he is a man of great wealth, social prominence and reputation in Wall street, who is at present absent from the city."

Bond Required of Mrs. De Ford.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Carlyle, Ill., June 1.—An appeal to the Appellate Court has been granted in the De Ford divorce case. The plaintiff in the case, Lulu De Ford, has been instructed to file bond for \$1,000 to cover the costs before the case can be taken to a higher court. The central figures in the case are Mrs. De Ford and Miss Christian, Miss, and

WOMAN JUMPED IN RESERVOIR.

Body of Viola Parker Taken From Water at Joplin.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Joplin, Mo., June 1.—The dead body of Viola Parker, a young woman of Nevada, was found in the city waterworks reservoir, in the heart of the city, at 11:30 o'clock this morning. She was identified to-day.

A skirt and revolver were found near the reservoir by a watchman earlier in the day, and the Coroner ordered the reservoir drained.

It was clearly a case of suicide. A watch found on the woman's body had stopped at 1 o'clock, indicating that she had been in the water but a few hours.

IN THE CITY.

NEGRO COMMITS SUICIDE.—William Pendleton, Co. 1218 Linden street, a negro, shot himself in the head yesterday afternoon in a fit of melancholy. He was taken to the City Hospital and died on the operating table.

FELL FROM SECOND-STORY PORCH.

Henry Wessel, a laborer, living at No. 514 North Broadway, fell from a second-story porch in the rear of his home yesterday morning, dropping a distance of fifteen feet. He was picked up by his wife, who summoned an ambulance and had him conveyed to the City Hospital, where upon examination it was found that he had sustained a strain of his wrist and one eye was badly bruised. The police say Wessel was under the influence of liquor when the accident occurred.

SOLDIER SUSTAINS FRACTURE OF JAW.

James Frank, 21 years old, a private in the Eighth Cavalry, stationed at Jefferson Barracks, with whom he quarreled, was injured in a fight with an unidentified man near Fourteenth and Market streets early yesterday morning. Frank started out to see the sights of the city and met the stranger, with whom he quarreled. Frank had been drinking and when he left the house he remarked that he was going to jump in the river when he spent what money he had. Kolk is 22 years old.

Shriners Have a Palace Special.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
St. Joseph, Mo., June 1.—A special train bearing 172 Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and their friends to San Francisco will leave the Union Passenger Station at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, over the Missouri Pacific.

It will be one of the finest special trains ever run between the Missouri River and the Pacific Coast. The St. Joseph Shriners were joined by Nobles from Lee Moine and Leavenworth.

OFFICERS FIND NO TRACE OF BESCH.

Former City Register Has Not Been Seen Since Grand Jury Indicted Him.

BECKER TO BE TRIED TO-DAY.

Circuit Attorney Folk Says Grand Jury Acted Advisedly in Referring to Ex-Mayor Ziegenhein.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Former City Register Henry Besch, against whom the April Grand Jury has returned an indictment, as exclusively announced in The Republic, charging him with official misconduct, has not returned to St. Louis. His family and friends declare that he is on a business trip, and that he will return when he has completed his business, but they profess to be unable to say just where he can be located. The Deputy Sheriffs who have been searching for him, the Circuit Attorney and other four Courts officials who are interested in learning his whereabouts believe that he is in Mexico. A call at his home, No. 322 California avenue, brought to the door a girl, who said she was the only member of the household at home. She said Mr. Besch was out of the city, where, she did not know, and she did not know when he would return.

Mayor Ziegenhein's threat to institute suit for libel against the members of the Grand Jury which accused him in its report of having misappropriated public funds, said that he was not worried by the threat, and he did not believe the Grand Jurors would lose much sleep over it. Mr. Ziegenhein, in his labored explanation, he said, had merely confirmed what the Grand Jury had charged in its report—that he had used public money for a purpose not intended by the law. He said:

"I do not wish to discuss the legal phase of this matter at present. Generally speaking, however, a presentment by a Grand Jury, within the sphere of its duties, not prompted by malice, is privileged.

"The Constitution of Missouri authorizes and directs Grand Jurors to investigate the official acts of all officers handling public money and report the result of their inquiries to the court.

"Furthermore, the truth in cases of this kind cannot be libelous. The report as to Mr. Ziegenhein was not made by the jury hastily or inadvisedly, but with full knowledge of all the facts.

"If he desires to test the truth of the statements, I am sure he would gratify each member of the jury.

"In the action brought by the State to recover the money, he will be given unrestricted opportunity to be heard in court as to the charges."

The prosecution of the men already indicted by the three Grand Juries will be resumed this week. To-day the case of John H. Becker, Deputy Factory, charged with attempted bribery, will be called in the Court of Criminal Correction. Becker was a former member of the House of Delegates. It is charged that when Charles Kratz, the ex-Councilman, was about to be tried for bribery, Becker, at the solicitation of Kratz's friends, attempted to bribe the Jury Commissioner to "fix" the special jury which had been asked for by the Circuit Attorney. A special jury will try Becker's case.

The trial of Edward Butler, against whom there are two charges pending of attempted bribery, will come up in Judge Ryan's court next Thursday, June 6, on a motion for a change of venue, filed by Butler's attorneys. The defense has subpoenaed nearly 20 witnesses, and the State has nearly 50, so that it is expected the hearing on the motion will occupy nearly a week.

The case of R. M. Snyder, the Kansas City promoter, capitalist and banker, indicted for bribery in connection with the Central Traffic franchise scandal, which was set for trial to-day in the Criminal Court, has been laid over until the next term of court.

FELL FROM WINDOW.

Henry Baer, a laborer, 40 years old, living at No. 39 Geyer avenue, fell from a window at his home yesterday morning a distance of twenty-five feet, and sustained severe wounds. His injuries were dressed at the South Side Dispensary.

FILTER STONES for ROBERTS Water Filter at

SCHROETER BROS., Small - 50c Medium, 85c Large, \$1.25

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